

## SC Department of Employment and Workforce $\overline{NEWS}$ $\overline{RELEASE}$

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## DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton's Statement January 2018 Employment Statement

"Businesses continue to add jobs at a record pace. People are finding jobs and others are entering the labor force to take advantage of the state's robust economy, all of which are cause for celebration. With more than 61,000 jobs available across the state, DEW is preparing our residents, including those with barriers to employment, to be able to succeed in those jobs," said Cheryl Stanton, executive director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. "Recently, the State Workforce Development Board awarded \$400,000 in grants to two organizations – S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department and Trident Literacy Association – to assist out-of-school youths ages 16 to 24 develop the skills necessary to gain employment and by removing the barriers that are keeping them back."

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## About DEW

The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency invests in building a pipeline of quality workers, matches workers with jobs, and is a bridge for individuals who find themselves out of work for no fault of their own. This promotes financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals and communities. <u>DEW</u> is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services that meet the needs of the state's businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.